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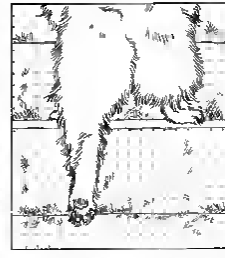
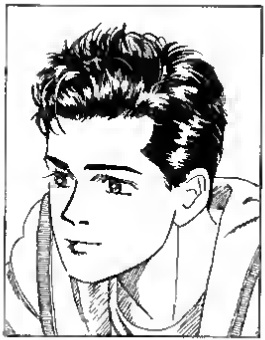


SUMMARY AND CHARACTER INTRODUCTION



HAMUTERU
(real name: Nishine Masaki)
Aspiring to become a veterinarian, drawn by a strange fate.

CHOBI
A Siberian husky with a cute smile. Is a girl.

HIYO
(Pronounced hee-yoh.)
The strongest creature in the Nishine household.

HAMUTERU'S GRANDMA
A stubborn, easygoing woman

PROFESSOR SUGAWARA
An ever-impeccable teacher

Mr. Veterinarian

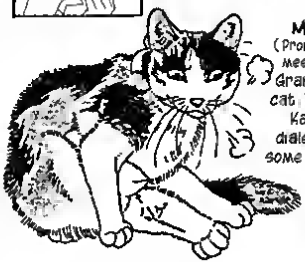
NIKAIDOU
Hamuteru's friend and a veterinarian in the making. Mice scare the life out of him.

With a couple of gerbils joining Mike the cat, Hiyo the rooster and Chobi the dog, the Nishine household is a big brouhaha. Thanks to the undesirable but immutable (?) influence of Professor Urushihara, Masaki entered the veterinary school, H University. He spends his days busy with classes, papers and workshops, alongside his buddy Nikaidou. Nishinuma-san, the weird senpai who makes friends with bacteria, and many friends and animals.

HISHI-NUMA SEIKO
A strange grad student.

GERBIL
Always looks happy.

PROFESSOR URUSHIHARA
Hamuteru's "benefactor". Loves Africa.

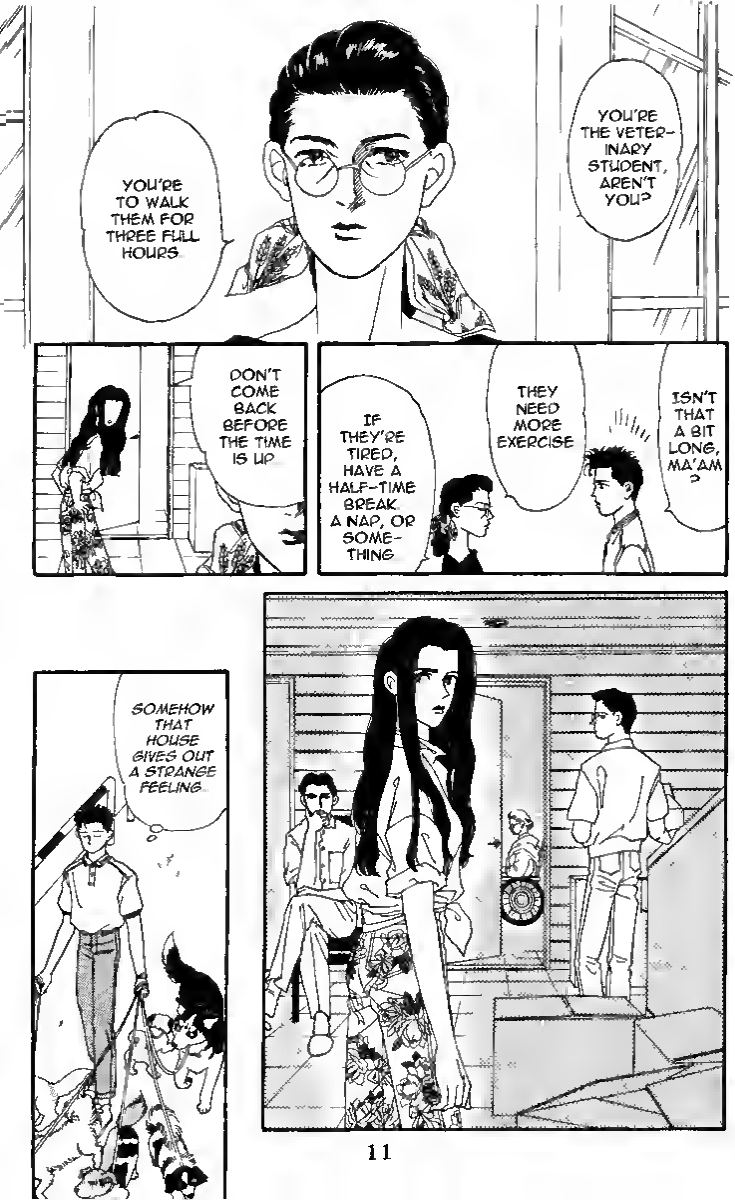


MIKE
(Pronounced Mee-keh) Grandma's cat. Talks in Kansai dialect for some reason.

Hamuteru has never had a part-time job before
WHAT?! AT YOUR AGE? NOT EVEN ONCE?
BECAUSE I WAS GREEN-HOUSE-BRED
RIGHT, HAMUTERU'S PLACE HAS A GREENHOUSE
Is that so?
Not literally
Oh, the day I was born

EHH... EVEN I MYSELF USED TO WORK PART-TIME FOR A PET FOOD COMPANY.
Young lady where can I find hoses?
I WORKED AT THE HINUMA BEAR EXHIBIT-ION
EVERY MORNING I HAD TO HOSE THEIR STINK DOWN BEFORE WE OPENED FOR THE PUBLIC
IF YOU THINK IT WAS EASY, THINK AGAIN. SOME BEARS WOULD RAISE THEIR SHIT-STAINED PAWS TO BLOCK THE WATER LIKE THEY WERE SOME KIND OF VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS
IN-IN OTHER WORDS, PART-TIME JOBS ARE HARD WORK...
HAMUTERU, YOU SHOULD EXPERIENCE A PART-TIME JOB
YEAH, TO TASTE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN THE WORLD OF STORMY SEAS FEELING THE DEPTH OF YOUR INEPTITUDE
FINE. I'LL GIVE YOU MY PART-TIME JOB

Therefore, Hamuteru has no choice but to go to work the next Sunday
MAN, YOU CAN'T DO THAT
AND IT'S MY BEST CLIENT TOO, YOU LUCKY BASTARD
BUT ISN'T IT YOUR JOB?
DON'T MENTION IT. I MUST DO THIS FOR YOU, HAMUTERU
as a dog walker.
WOOF
WOOF
BOW
BOW
BOW


YOU'RE THE VETERINARY STUDENT, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE TO WALK THEM FOR THREE FULL HOURS.
DON'T COME BACK BEFORE THE TIME IS UP.
ISN'T THAT A BIT LONG, MA'AM?
THEY NEED MORE EXERCISE
IF THEY'RE TIRED, HAVE A HALF-TIME BREAK, A NAP, OR SOMETHING
SOMEHOW THAT HOUSE GIVES OUT A STRANGE FEELING.

I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU COULDN'T HANDLE IT. I HAD TO COME AND CHECK
WHAT'S UP, NIKAIDOU?
LET'S GO TO THE RIVER, CHOBI.
You sure?
So this is what a part-time job is like
I'M FINE PIECE OF CAKE
I'm not here to help you. You need to learn to do things yourself
Bow Bow
Woof Woof
It's the river!
The river!

Water!
Water!
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
BOW
BOWWOOF
WOOF
THUD
Hurry and get up
SO THIS IS WHAT THE WORLD OF STORMY SEAS FEELS LIKE
PULL
PULL
I GOT DRAGGED INTO THE RIVER BY DOGS
I'm such a greeny
Louse-bred
NO, IT'S BEEN ONLY AN HOUR
SHOULD WE GO BACK?

YOU KNOW PAYING SOMEONE ELSE TO WALK YOUR DOGS IS HORRIBLY EXTRAVAGANT NO MATTER HOW RICH YOU ARE.
THAT'S TRUE. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ONE IN THE FAMILY
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT FELT LIKE THEY JUST WANTED ME TO GET THE DOGS OUT OF THE HOUSE
MEANING IT'S INCONVENIENT TO HAVE THEM THERE
YOU HAVE TO WALK THEM FOR THREE HOURS?
But right now my pants and shoes are wet, muddy and torn. And who knows what else will follow
I SMELL SOMETHING FISHY
I HAVE NO IDEA IF THEY'RE ALL FAMILY BUT THERE WERE TWO YOUNG MEN, ONE YOUNG WOMAN,
AND A GRANDMA IN A WHEEL CHAIR
A MIDDLE-AGED LADY...
THE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYER'S FAMILY?
IS THAT SO?
DON'T YOU SAY "IS THAT SO?", HAMLITER! You ignorant boy!
HOW MUCH IS THE PAY?
FOR THREE HOURS?!
30,000 YEN*
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
T/N * ~$247

THESE DOGS ARE HERS AND HER ONLY ALLIES
These dogs?
THOSE PEOPLE IN HER FAMILY HAVE THEIR EYES ON THE INHERITANCE
THE GRANDMA WILL BE MURDERED
A bit of a mystery novel
A mystery novel?
I'D BETTER GO CHECK!
MORE LIKE IT JUST STRUCK MY MIND
What did you read yesterday?
THIS IS...

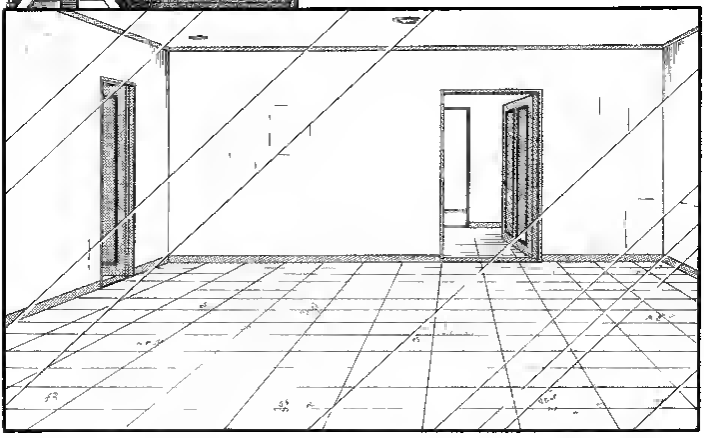
SO I'M TOO LATE...
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
He tried them together
THE SUN IS GETTING STRONG I'D BETTER TAKE THEM INTO THE SHADE.

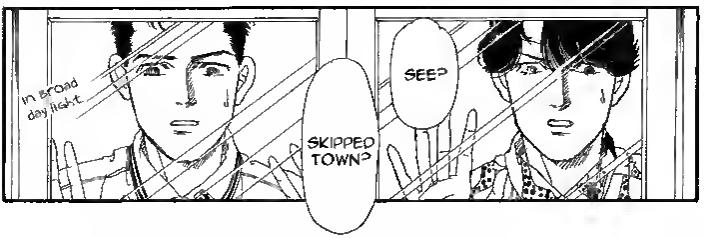
PULL
PULL
PULL
PULL
PULL
PULL
CHOBI, GET EVERYONE INSIDE.
OKAY, ENOUGH EXERCISE, EVERYONE
More like enough stress.
I'm next
CHOBI, YOU MUST BE TIRED.
I'm fine I'm a sleigh dog
RUFF
RUFF
But with this heat it is a little too much
Cher All that breeze breeze breeze
HAMU-TERU!

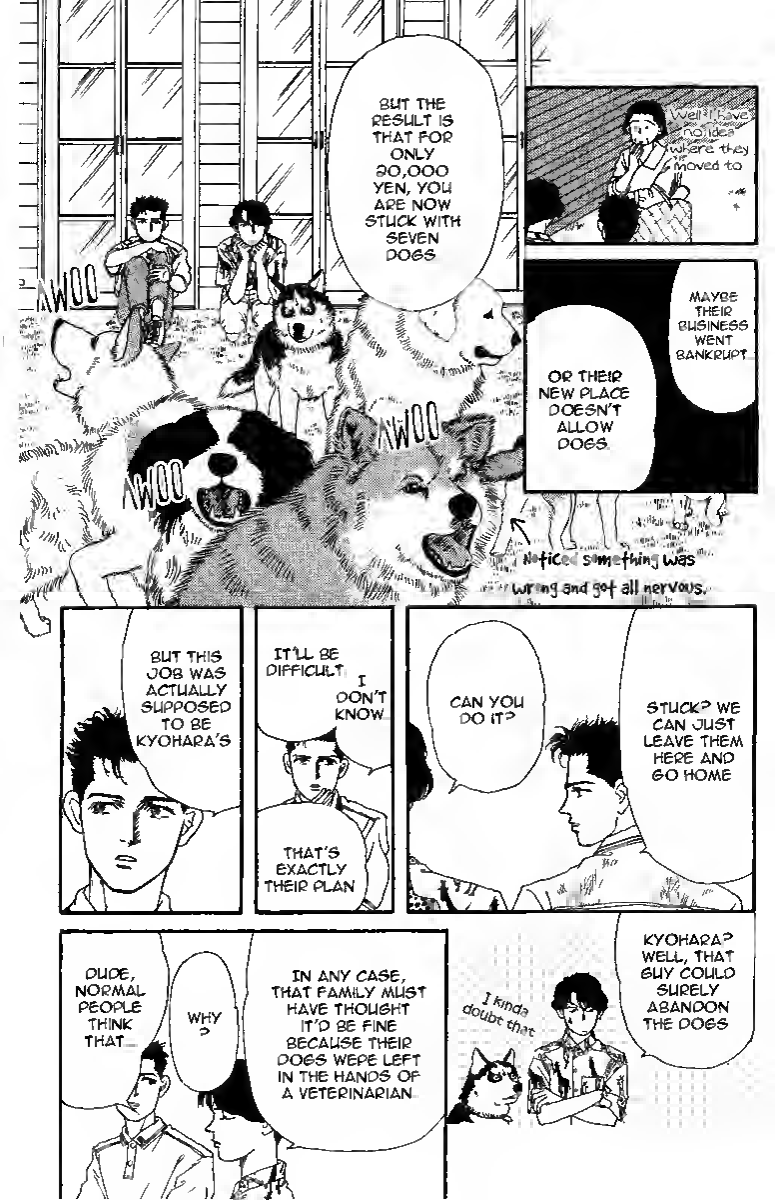
No?
NOT A MURDER.
GO TAKE A LOOK.

IT'S TOO LATE...
I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED IT SOONER
I SEE WE SHOULD CALL THE POLICE

WAIT, IT'S JUST TWO HOURS
TO HELL WITH THAT.




In broad day light.
SKIPPED TOWN?
SEE?


BUT THE RESULT IS THAT FOR ONLY 30,000 YEN, YOU ARE NOW STUCK WITH SEVEN DOGS
WOO
WOO
WOO
Well I have no idea where they moved to
MAYBE THEIR BUSINESS WENT BANKRUPT
OR THEIR NEW PLACE DOESN'T ALLOW DOGS
Notice something was wrong and got all nervous.
BUT THIS JOB WAS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE KYOHARA'S
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT
I DON'T KNOW
THAT'S EXACTLY THEIR PLAN
CAN YOU DO IT?
STUCK? WE CAN JUST LEAVE THEM HERE AND GO HOME
DUDE, NORMAL PEOPLE THINK THAT—
WHY?
IN ANY CASE, THAT FAMILY MUST HAVE THOUGHT IT'D BE FINE BECAUSE THEIR DOGS WERE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF A VETERINARIAN
I kinda doubt that
KYOHARA? WELL, THAT GUY COULD SURELY ABANDON THE DOGS

"A VETERINARIAN IS A KIND-HEARTED PERSON."
THIS MAY BE A GOOD LIFE EXPERIENCE FOR YOU BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A TOUGH PART-TIME JOB.
THE MYSTERY OF OUTSIDERS
HOW SO?
I'm hungry!
After walking someone is supposed to feed us!
AWOO
AWOO
AWOO
YOU POOR GUYS, DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR MASTER HAS ABANDONED YOU?
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF

I TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER NOT TO COME BACK BEFORE THE TIME
BRAKE SLAM
SO YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND AND CAME BACK TO PICK UP THE DOGS
Wow! exactly three hours
CHANGED MY MIND? IT WAS MY INTENTION FROM THE START!
WE ONLY HAVE ONE CAR FITTING FIVE PEOPLE INSIDE WAS ALREADY LIKE CANNED SARDINES
SO YOU PLANNED TO TAKE THE DOGS WITH YOU AFTER ALL.
I KEPT YOU OUT OF IT BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID YOU'D THINK THAT I ABANDONED THEM
A-AND THE PAY WAS HIGHER THAN THE MARKET PRICE TOO
THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO LEAVE THE DOGS FOR THE NEXT ROUND
BUT WHY THE THREE-HOUR WALK?
HIGHER THAN THE MARKET PRICE?!

Part-time this time? 20,000 for three hours because they can't take a break.
OF COURSE NORMALLY I PAY HIM 10,000 YEN AN HOUR
KYO HARA?
THAT VET STUDENT?
I KNEW IT. THAT VET STUDENT
Wow, a car! A car!
ALRIGHT, EVERY-ONE! IN THE CAR!
I'LL NOT HIRE YOU VET STUDENTS EVER AGAIN. I HAVE MONEY BUT I DON'T APPRECIATE WASTING IT ON NONSENSE.
KYOHARA... THAT GUY IS WAY TOO CUNNING.
SLAM
In the end, one could say that Hamuteru has still never had a real part-time job.
NIKAIDOU, YOU PAY.
WHAT THE HECK?!
I FORGOT TO ASK FOR THE MONEY.
CAN'T HELP IT. THAT DEVIL BROUGHT IT ON HIMSELF. HAMUTERU, TREAT US TO SOME ICED COFFEE WITH YOUR PAY.
SO KYOHARA LOST HIS PART-TIME JOB TOO.
Stop it already.
Stupid sheltered fool! You worked for free?!

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